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Re: Kenneth H. Riemer, Riemer Farm v. Dept. of Commerce, Hearing #98-207

PECFA #53097-2704-60

Site: Riemer Property, 12160 N Wauwatosa Rd, Mequon

Dear Parties and Hearing Office:

Attached is a copy of the proposed and final decisions in the above captioned matter. Please note that the decision contains a description of the procedures for filing a rehearing request or petition for judicial review and a list of the parties in interest.

Sincerely, Linda K. Esser Executive Staff Assistant

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Department of Commerce

In the Matter of the PECFA Appeal of:

Kenneth H. Riemer 12160 North Wauwatosa Road Mequon, Wisconsin 53097-2740

PECFA Claim: #53097-2704-60

Hearing #98-207

Final Decision

Preliminary Recitals

Pursuant to a Petition for Hearing dated November 11, 1998 and filed on or about November 17, 1998, under § 101.02 (6) (e) Wis. Stats., and § Comm/ILHR 47.53 Wis. Adm. Code, to review a decision of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (Department) dated October 26, 1998, a hearing was commenced on June 22, 2000 at Madison, Wisconsin. A Proposed Hearing Officer Decision was issued on February 26, 2001 and the parties were provided a period of twenty (20) days to file objections.

The Issue for determination is:

Whether the Department's Decision dated October 26, 1998 was correct in it's interpretation of Wis. Stat. Sec. 101.143 (4) (ei) to require that the claimant appellant must own the 35 contiguous acres at the time his claim was submitted rather than as the claimant appellant contends that he need only own those acres during the year preceding his PECFA claim.

There appeared in this matter the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Kenneth H. Riemer 12160 North Wauwatosa Road Mequon, Wisconsin 53097-2740

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The authority to issue a Final Decision in this matter has been delegated to the undersigned by the Secretary of the Department pursuant to § 560.02 (3) Wis. Stats.

The matter now being ready for Final Decision 1, Martha Kerner, Executive Assistant of the Department, hereby issue the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Findings of Fact in the Proposed Hearing Officer Decision cited above are hereby adopted for purposes of this Final Decision.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Conclusions of Law in the Proposed Hearing Officer Decision cited above are hereby adopted for purposes of this Final Decision.

DISCUSSION

The Discussion in the Proposed Hearing Officer Decision cited above is hereby adopted for purposes of this Final Decision.

FINAL DECISION

The Proposed Hearing Officer Decision cited above is hereby adopted as the Final Decision of the Department.

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NOTICE TO PARTIES

Request for Rehearing

This is a final agency decision under § 227.48 Wis. Stats. If you believe this decision is based on a mistake in the facts or law, you may request a new hearing. You may also ask for a new hearing if you have found new evidence which would change the decision and which you could not have discovered sooner through due diligence. To ask for a new hearing, send a written request to Office of Legal Counsel, Wisconsin Department of Commerce, 201 West Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7970, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7970.

Send a copy of your request for a new hearing to all the other parties named in this Final Decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST".

Your request must explain what mistake you believe the hearing examiner made and why it is important of you must describe your new evidence and tell why you did not have it available at the hearing in this matter. If you do not explain how your request for a new hearing is based on either a mistake of fact or law or the discovery of new evidence which could not have been discovered through due diligence on your part, your request for a new hearing will be denied.

Your request for a new hearing must be <u>received</u> by the Department's Office of Legal Counsel no late than twenty (20) days after the mailing date of this Final Decision as indicated below. Late requests cannot be reviewed or granted. The process for asking for a new hearing is set out in § 227.49 Wis. Stats.

Petition For Judicial Review

Petitions for judicial review must be filed not more than thirty (30) days after the **mailing of this** Final Decision as indicated below (or thirty (30) days after the denial of a denial of a request for a rehearing, if you ask for one). The petition for judicial review must be served on the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Commerce, 201 West Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7970, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7970.

The petition for judicial review must also be served on the other "PARTIES IN INTEREST" or each party's attorney of record. The process for judicial review is described in § 227.53 Wis. Stats.

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Dated: 9/18/01

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Copies to:

Above identified "PARTIES IN INTEREST", or their legal counsel if represented.

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Date Mailed: 9/20/01 / Mailed By Linda K. Esser